AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 5, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003-04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 513

Introduced by Assembly Member Matthews

February 18, 2003

An act to amend Section 219 of add Section 219.5 to the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to jurors.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 513, as amended, Matthews. Juries: peace officer exemption officers.

Existing law exempts certain peace officers from jury panels sent to courtrooms for voir dire in civil and criminal matters, and other specified peace officers from jury panels sent to courtrooms for voir dire in criminal matters.

This bill would exempt parole officers, probation officers, and correctional officers who are peace officers, as specified, from jury panels sent to courtrooms for voir dire in civil and criminal matters require the Judicial Council, on or before January 1, 2005, to adopt a rule of court to establish procedures for jury service to give scheduling accommodations to specified peace officers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no—yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 219 of the Code of Civil Procedure is

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1 SECTION 1. Section 219.5 is added to the Code of Civil 2 Procedure, to read:

219.5. The Judicial Council shall adopt a rule of court, on or before January 1, 2005, requiring the trial courts to establish procedures for jury service that gives peace officers, as defined by Section 830.5 of the Penal Code, scheduling accommodations when necessary.

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- 219. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the jury 10 commissioner shall randomly select jurors for jury panels to be sent to courtrooms for voir dire.
 - (b) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), no peace officer, as defined in Section 830.1, subdivision (a) of Section 830.2, subdivision (a) of Section 830.33, or Section 830.5 of the Penal Code, shall be selected for voir dire in civil or criminal matters.
- 16 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), no peace officer, as defined in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 830.2 of the Penal 17 Code, shall be selected for voir dire in criminal matters.